



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 9671  
Makoto NISHIMURA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2003\_0976A  
Serial No. 10/620,611 : Group Art Unit 3663  
Filed July 17, 2003 : Examiner Charlie Hung Le

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR WORKING TUBE  
Mail Stop: Amendment

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Petition hereby is made for a two month extension of time to respond to the communication of

) December 12, 2006.

The fee of \$450.00 is

(X) submitted herewith.  
( to be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0975. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.  
( Small entity status of this application is established by a Small Entity Status Assertion which  
( is enclosed.  
( has been previously submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

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TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975